

CITY OF WHITING – AUGUST 6, 2019

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA**

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:30. p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Stahura, Councilmembers Michko, Michniewicz, Sarvanidis, and Turpin were present, constituting a quorum. Also, present, were Attorney Sejna and Clerk-Treasurer Haynes.

Councilmember Zubeck was absent.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the July 2, 2019 Regular Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the July 24, 2019 Special Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

None.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stahura reported the following:

- Thanked the staff for their efforts on Pierogi Fest.
- Demos will be proceeding now that the bridge to East Chicago is open.
- Property closing on purchasing 1522 119th Street
- 121st Street and White Oak Ave should be finished being paved this week
- Front Street will be later this month
- Working to finalize the Quiet Zone
- The City has officially applied for a State Grant for the 119th Street project

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2019-2009, an ordinance regarding conflicts of interest for the building commissioner and his staff; Ordinance No. CC-2019-2010, an ordinance adopting a capital improvement plan specifying the uses of revenue to be received.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #352E-353E, 355E-356E, 10399, 10402-10476 & July Payroll total amount of \$826,008.36. Councilmember Michko moved to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Sarvanidis spoke briefly on Ordinance No. CC-2019-2009:

Will start with ordinance 2019-2009. This is an ordinance to satisfy requirements of Indiana code regarding potential COI for building commissioners and staff in the issuance of permits. The Indiana general assembly codified IC 36-1-27-1 to require a process to deal with any potential conflicts.

In section 4 of the code it requires the city to adopt an ordinance to establish a procedure to address any potential conflicts of interest.

So with our ordinance 2019-2019 a new provision shall be added to the whiting municipal code. The major points are as follows: a definition for conflict of interest, definition for permit, a process whereby the building commissioner or staff will report a conflict of interest to the city attorney, and promptly thereafter, the City Attorney will consult with the Mayor and the Mayor shall appoint a qualified temporary replacement for the permit process.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2009 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF IC 36-1-27-4 REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2019-2009 to a 2nd reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2009 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF IC 36-1-27-4 REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF

Councilmember Sarvanidis spoke briefly on Ordinance No. CC-2019-2010:

Ordinance 2019-2010 adopts a capital improvement plan specifying the use of our revenues to be received under our CEDIT. Indiana code requires that a capital improvement plan be adopted by the council and provided to the county auditor before we can receive our distribute shares of the CEDIT.

The Mayor has prepared our capital improvement plan to be funded for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 with revenue from the CEDIT and the plan is attached to the ordinance as exhibit A.

Planned expenditures will fall under the categories of special events, tourism marketing and promotion, economic development grants, and capital projects.

Let the record show that upon passage of the ordinance, the Clerk Treasurer is hereby directed to provide a copy of the ordinance to the office of the Lake County Auditor.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2010 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA ADOPTING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SPECIFYING THE USES OF REVENUE TO BE RECEIVED UNDER THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2019-2010 to a 2nd reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2010 in title only;

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XI. NEW BUSINESS

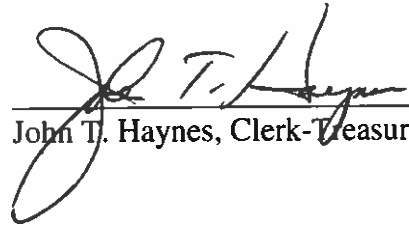
Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to schedule the next special meeting for the Common Council to meet on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the conference room at Whiting City Hall to cover claims and the 3rd readings of Ordinance Nos. 2019-2009 and 2019-2010, and any other matters. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer